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**Applicant:** Steven R. Hilliard  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed on behalf of the Applicant in the patent application filed herewith. Together this Preliminary Amendment and the specification of the parent application, Application Number 10/184,768, filed June 28, 2002, constitute a continuation application in a condition for examination.